

# IF YOUR IDENTITY IS STOLEN, TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION

If you learn that your identity has been stolen, there are some things you should do. The three steps described below should be taken immediately to protect your rights and limit the damage done to you. You may want to print out the contact charts provided so that you can take notes regarding your actions. Remember that each person's situation is unique, so additional steps may be required to resolve your problems. These steps are a good start, though.

## 1. REPORT FRAUD TO CREDIT BUREAUS

The first thing you should do is contact the Credit Bureaus and ask them to place a fraud alert on your credit report.

Name of Bureau	Contact Number	Person Contacted	Date of Contact	Fraud Alert Requested and Confirmed	Additional Notes
Experian	888-397-3742				
Trans Union	800-680-7289				
Equifax	800-525-6285				

## 2. REPORT THEFT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Many creditors will require you to provide them with a police report to document the crime. It is important that you contact law enforcement as soon as possible and that you be prepared to provide them with any documentation you have of the fraud.

Agency/Department	Phone Number	Person Contacted	Date Contacted	Report/Reference Number	Additional Notes
Local Law Enforcement					
Federal Trade Commission	877-IDTHEFT				